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iam, and incontrovertible facts! Wherein can the people place confidence in these phenomena? Dr.

"Three fourths of the communications have been merely the reflections of the minds of those present, but this has not always been intentional deception."

How are we to distinguish the genuine from the false?

A. J. Davis says in his "Present Age":

"Impressions received from a person sitting in the circle, or from a mind in some distant part of the globe, are precisely identical with those which emanate from a mind beyond the domain of the

Now, ladies and gentlemen, the great eer himself, says that seven out of ten may be of mundane origin, and when you are thinking that you are talking to a dear spirit friend, you may be talking to some misad thousands of miles away, in some other part of the globe, and there is no way to distinguish the two. In this world of ours, con-

"The 'Committees on spiritual phenomena,' who met at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1917, report, that what at present passes for spirit communion among the people, is a mixed and for the most part, unanalyzed mass, rendering identity of spirit presence very uncertain." And they add, "Many, if not all

of the disorderly manifestations, your committee deem wholly unspiritual, having their origin in half controlled, diseased serum, poor digestion, torrid liver and general discord of mind and body." And they conclude, "We cannot approve that a majority of the phenomena under consideration, are projected and directed by spirits; but rather, that while there is abundant evidence, direct and collateral, of spirit control, other causes enter largely into their production."

"In the first edition of this work, we stated that no evidence had been adduced that Mumler was an impostor. We had been informed that those who knew him personally, did not doubt his honesty.

We have since had reason to believe that the many intelligent Spiritualists who distrusted him from the first, were right; that Mumler, so far as spirit photographs are concerned, is a clever cheat. And our principal witness against Mumler, is Mumler himself,—not the most conclusive authority, some will say, but still a witness whose testimony is sufficient under the circumstances."

He understood, and did, and credulous people would go and have their pictures taken, and were they saw the shadow of a face taken, and were taken on the plate, would exclaim "That's my long lost, parted mother," or, "That is my spirit wife, or, that is my spirit child." It ran all in their imaginations, that they saw the likeness of their friends. Mankie understood what it was, and any honest photographer can tell you they can do the same. In fact, it is a great evillicity they have to contend with.

not prepared to prove. Now, I want Mr. Wilson to prove the assertions he has made in regard to the teachings of Spiritualism, and show that it is worthy of your support and confidence.

The proof of a principle is in the teachings of that principle, for the teachers of a principle must correspond to the nature of that principle, or theory, to be sustained.

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**Spiritualism in Pennsylvania.**

*Wonderful Manifestations.*

The narrative given by Doctor Barr, will be read with interest. We have full confidence in the Doctor's veracity, and have seen some of the colors and notes found under the direction of the spirits.

Such facts as these, furnish positive evidence that some spirits retain very clear and distinct recollections of events connected with their existences in this life.

It has been said, "the ruling passion is strong in death," and we believe that three things which have made a strong impression upon the mind here, will be likely to be retained in the after-life. Thus the burying of a tomahawk and blade by the friends of an Indian, appears to have been distinctly remembered more than one hundred and fifty years.

We hope to hear farther from the Doctor, and would recommend our friend R.bert Dale

**Singular Phenomena.**  
The *Belfast Weekly News*, published in Ireland, gives an account of the following strange occurrence:

Several pleasure-seekers, who had taken a recreative stroll to the summit of Bolide Bracken, a hill near Chady, the highest in the locality, after enjoying themselves for some time in admiring the surrounding scenery, were greatly astonished and amazed to behold in the Northern heavens the dim and shadowy outlines of apparent buildings, &c., which, gradually becoming more and more distinct, they unmistakably perceived to be an ethereal representation of the "Maiden City." The Cathedral, Wall-

the Pillar, and various other prominent and well-known features of the city were so strikingly and vividly defined that there could be no doubt whatever as to the genuine reality of this remarkable case of atmospheric refraction. This singular phenomenon lasted for about five minutes, and was alternately loud and partially obscure, presenting to the enraptured beholders a series of the most extraordinary aerial phenomena ever witnessed in this country.



time fly into Sewing Machines, and is noted for its quiet, regularity of motion, ease of management, and its perfect efficiency and reliable construction. Sewing machines for the Florsheim chain by no other in the world have been so long and come to America as a standard.







**Ferris and His "Circle."**

### From L'pham's Review

#### THE INQUISITION—SARAH GOOD

## A CHILD WITCH.

## THE TOWNE SISTERS

JOINT NUMBER'S EXCOMMUNICATION

## IX. FIFTY

NAME: CLOVAN

☞ A Sunday School teacher in Minnesota, upon inquiring of one of his juvenile pupils what he had learned during the week, was astonished by the answer that he had learned, "not to trump his partner's ace."



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